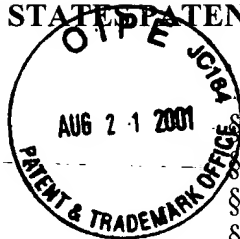


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Dear Commissioner:

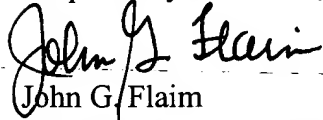
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, that the art listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified application. A copy of this art is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97(g) and (h), no representation is made that this art is material to patentability of the present.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims of Applicants' above-referenced patent application are patentably distinguishable from these references.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-SB/08A and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the attached references have been considered and made of record.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John G. Flaim". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "F".

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